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Dear Mr. Fabris,

As you know we had a rather successful users group meeting here in Michigan. Mr. Moses has informed me that he has kept you informed as to what has happened.

Mr. Cornett has included some articles in his newsletters that were "written" by me. Well that's close. I sent him some articles and he re-wrote them. I gave credit to your newsletter for details on the CRITTER, but he did not print that (of course). The only reason I sent that to him was to show that what could be done with added memory could be done with just BASIC. He never mentioned that. Also, I sent him a short tutorial on the I/o ports that pertain to the foreground/Background process, and he turns around and makes it into a "Peek n' Poke" manual.

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And to top it off, he does not even sell ~~use~~!

Well I know that Mr. Perkins is as capable or more so than I, and that FAST ACTION GRAPHICS article (of his?) shows that you have good programmers behind you. That is why I am continuing to subscribe to your newsletter.

It's good, no matter what others say!

Some new and good news. I have received some information directly from DAVE NUTTING ASSOCIATES regarding HIGH Resolution Screen Display. We can get high resolution but it requires the addition of 12K of Ram and some hardware modifications to the game. We are working out all the details now and should have an announcement latter about this.

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Also, more good news from  
Mr. Anderson. He may have  
found the answer for the Light Pen.

He claims that a very low cost  
Light Pen will be forthcoming from him.

(YEA TEAM!) I have already started  
on this topic and have a great  
deal of information on how to use  
a light pen with respect to programming  
if you are interested. Please let  
me know.

I have started a partnership with  
3 friends, it's called SPECTRE  
Systems. Right now we have limited  
our sales to TRS-80 Software (large  
market), but we hope to expand  
to produce Professional BALLY cartridges.  
Something like Activision did for  
Atari.

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We hope to expand our users group and develop a more professional appearance for the next meeting. We will have discussion groups, guest lectures from DAVE NUTTING ASSOCIATES, Bally and ASTROVISION, and some questionnaires as to what users are interested in and would like to see (including what type of add-on). We are lucky to be so close to both Dave Nutting Assoc. and Astrovision.

We are planning our next meeting for January. Would you please let everyone know that if they are interested in attending our next users group we would like to have them call either

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for information and details. Perhaps even some of our friends on the west coast would like to come out and join us? If there was enough interest we could make it a two or three day seminar.

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I've included a copy of the program I sent to Mr. Cornett. It explains how the machine listing and Basic program relate. This is designed to run on the BALLY BASIC without added memory. It is a good example of machine language programming using the interrupt service routine and vector writing and moving. (It shows what the mnemonics are for the machine op-codes)

I hope to soon be developing even more interesting things for the Bally. (light pen software, high-res, cartridges ---)

Please write if you have any information for our users group.

Sincerely,  
Brett Billbrey